
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES PRESIDENT, CONGRESS, AND DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT NUMBER OF SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIAN WORKERS AT FORT SHAFTER AND SCHOFIELD BARRACKS.

1 WHEREAS, active since 1907, Fort Shafter is the oldest
2 military base on the island of Oahu, and as of 2013 has a
3 population of 7,431 working soldiers and civilians; and
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5 WHEREAS, Schofield Barracks has been active since 1908, and
6 as of 2013 has a population of 18,441 working soldiers and
7 civilians; and
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9 WHEREAS, both Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks are
10 integral parts of United States military operations in the Asia-
11 Pacific region with Fort Shafter serving as the United States
12 Army Pacific headquarters; and
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14 WHEREAS, due to recent budget restrictions, the United
15 States Army is currently considering options to realign troop
16 levels at various posts and bases by fiscal year 2019-2020; and
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18 WHEREAS, in October 2014, the United States Army
19 Environmental Command released a Supplemental Programmatic
20 Environmental Assessment for Army 2020 Force Structure
21 Realignment evaluating the many challenges of realigning troops;
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24 WHEREAS, this assessment finds that reduction in soldiers
25 and civilian workers at Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks has
26 the potential of creating significant socioeconomic impacts and
27 significant but mitigable impacts to cultural resources in
28 Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, the United States Army has proposed as a worst
2 case scenario a reduction of 19,800 soldiers and civilian
3 workers from Fort Shafter and Schofield Barracks. Assuming that
4 entire families would likely leave the island if their soldier
5 or civilian worker is sent to a different duty station, the
6 proposed reductions could result in a loss of up to five per
7 cent of Hawaii's population; and
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9 WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii reports that
10 military expenditures in Hawaii add \$14,700,000,000 and more
11 than 102,000 jobs to the state economy; and
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13 WHEREAS, The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii has estimated
14 that in the event of a worst case scenario reduction, sales in
15 the State would drop by \$1,300,000,000, and the State would
16 stand to lose \$9,200,000 in general excise tax revenue; and
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18 WHEREAS, given the rising threats to national security from
19 the Asia-Pacific region, it is crucial that troop levels remain
20 as service-people stationed in Hawaii are best equipped to
21 protect the United States from threats from the Asia-Pacific
22 region; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the United States
27 President, Congress, and the Department of Defense are urged to
28 maintain current soldier and civilian worker levels at Fort
29 Shafter and Schofield Barracks as a means of preserving Hawaii's
30 economy and protecting our nation from emerging threats in the
31 Asia-Pacific region; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if soldier and civilian worker
34 levels at Fort Shafter or Schofield Barracks must be reduced,
35 this body urges Congress, the President, and the Department of
36 Defense to increase troop levels at other military bases in
37 Hawaii to offset the loss; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
41 United States, Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
42 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, United



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1 States Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
2 Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Commander, United States
3 Pacific Command, United States Army Garrison-Hawaii, Hawaii's
4 congressional delegation, and the Governor of Hawaii.

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